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SERIAL NO: 09/990,049 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 21, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1651  
FOR: SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF :  
NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL  
NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN-SITU

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.